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Big questions over The Big Lift

Macdonald Bridge. First of two public information sessions held over lengthy refit



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Delayed openings, extended ferry service and the future of cycling on the Macdonald Bridge were just a few of the concerns raised by residents during a public meeting in Dartmouth Tuesday night — less than a month before construction gets underway.

About 45 people attended the first of two neighborhood meetings hosted by Halifax Harbour Bridges to learn how they will be impacted by more than a year of construction on the Macdonald Bridge, which involves replacing the road deck, floor beams and stiffening the trusses and suspender ropes.

Closures

Overnight closures of the Macdonald Bridge (7 p.m.-5:30 a.m.) will begin March 1. The project completion date is September 2017.

Preliminary engineering work for the estimated \$150-million project — known as “The Big Lift” — began in 2010, but overnight closures of the bridge will start in March.

By the end of June, the bridge’s sidewalk and bike lane will be removed, which left many residents at Tuesday’s meeting, such as Dan Clauff who lives in Dartmouth and bikes across the bridge daily for work, figuring out a new way to commute.

“I can almost get across from my house to the door faster than ... it takes the ferry to across the harbour,” the Dartmouth resident said.

Compensation for cyclists and pedestrians will come in

the form of a 24-hour shuttle service that will be offered until that section of bridge reopens, explained the bridge commission’s Alison MacDonald.

She said three 17-seater buses, equipped with bike trailers that can hold between 12 to 14 bikes, will offer service between 30 Faulker St. in Dartmouth to a tentative location of a wastewater treatment facility in north-end Halifax.

MacDonald said more specific details on the shuttle services will be presented at a later meeting expected for next month.

MacDonald explained ferry service to Alderney Landing will increase to every 15 from 30 minutes after 6 p.m., adding bridge closures are slated to begin at 7 p.m., so as not to interfere with bus traffic during rush hour.

The second public information session, this time in Halifax, goes Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Italian Canadian Cultural Association on Agricola Street.



SUNNY SIDE OF THE STORM

Emma Hamlyn, aged 10, zips down Citadel Hill in Halifax on Tuesday as kids enjoyed a day off from school due to the city’s latest storm. Overnight freezing rain on Monday and cold temperatures on Tuesday created a hard-topped snow surface that was ideal for sledding. For storm coverage, see page 4. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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Council launches study of campaign finance laws

City Hall. Municipal regulations need more 'rigour' to improve transparency, mayor says

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Halifax regional councillors have taken the first step towards changing campaign finance laws in order to shed a little more light on who's funding city council and school board candidates.

Council voted Tuesday in favour of a request for a staff report examining finance laws in other Canadian jurisdictions.

"The scope of the report should include, but not be limited to, donation and spending limits, further disclosure of campaign spending, when money can be raised, and ... possible sanctions when rules are not followed," states the request from Mayor Mike Savage.

Savage told council that campaign finance laws have been drastically transformed across Canada in the last

On the web

Halifax.ca/election/: The website where campaign contributions can be viewed.

decade, and it's time for that change to happen in Halifax.

"I think it's time to put some rigour into the process of election financing," said Savage, who raised more than \$350,000 in the 2012 municipal election.

Currently, municipal election candidates campaign contributions are documented by the candidate and disclosed after the election is concluded. There are no limits on how much a candidate can raise, or spend, and candidates are not required to disclose how the money is used.

Coun. Brad Johns said he'd like to see any new regulations somehow address contributions from developers, noting one of council's primary functions is to oversee zoning, planning and land-use bylaws.

"When we look around this table ... there have been



Mayor Mike Savage is shown in this file photo. Halifax regional councillors have taken the first step towards changing campaign finance laws in order to shed a little more light on who's funding city council and school board candidates. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

people around here who have received in excess of \$25,000, \$30,000 at campaign time and I don't think that's appropriate," he said.

Coun. Linda Mosher

spoke up to emphasize that candidate spending and contributions are monitored, if not disclosed, during the election.

"In my experience, the

process has been independent, arm's length and had an audit function," she said.

Council approved the request for a report unanimously.

City clears the way for exporting its trash



The Otter Lake front end processing facility. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Business owners can soon send their waste to landfills outside of HRM, but will not face an increased tipping fee at the Otter Lake landfill, thanks to a council vote Tuesday night.

Council voted 7-6 in favour of allowing solid waste to be sent out of the municipality after a public hearing during which several speakers said it gave business owners a lower-cost option for waste hauling.

"It gives businesses just a

glimmer of hope that through competition, costs could actually go down instead of always going up," said Luc Erjavec, Atlantic vice-president of the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association.

Speakers also denounced a proposal to increase the tipping fees at Otter Lake to \$170 per tonne, an increase of nearly 40 per cent.

City staff said that would shift the financial burden of processing industrial, com-

mercial and institutional (ICI) waste to the "user," and end subsidization by taxpayers.

That raised the ire of business and rental property owners, who said they already pay their fair share of costs in Halifax.

"Like residents, I pay property taxes on my apartment buildings. Unlike residents, I pay for my solid waste to be collected. Unlike residents, I pay a tip fee for that waste to be processed," said apartment

building owner Ted MacLean.

Though several councillors felt exporting waste was an abdication of public stewardship, supporters said business owners deserved a choice, noting that even without the increase at Otter Lake, tipping fees are significantly higher than in other municipalities.

The proposed increase in tipping fees was defeated unanimously.

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Truro

Missing Ontario mental health patients seen in N.S., police say

Truro police are seeking the public's assistance in locating two missing patients from a health facility in North Bay, Ont.

It is believed that Joseph Pepin and Cara Duval (a.k.a. Cara Donnelly) were seen at two locations in Truro. One of these locations was the Truro Library. A video taken from the library has been posted on the Truro police Facebook page.

At the second location they were seeking assistance in obtaining an apartment. They were

not recognized at the time until the person who reported them to Truro police watched the news.

These two may be travelling in a late 1990s grey Intrepid with New Brunswick plates.

Police advise the public not to approach either of them as they are to be considered dangerous.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Animal rights

Council moves ahead with study of cat committee

City staff will get to work on a report examining the formation of a domestic animal advisory committee.

Council approved Coun. Stephen Adams' request for a staff report on a commit-

tee that would "humanely deal with the feline cat population throughout HRM."

Adams said it was a nod to a promise made to Halifax's late, great, feline mayoral candidate.

"It's just following up on a commitment that myself ... and others have pledged through the Tuxedo Stan pledge in 2012," he said.

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1 NEWS

Every week we're shovellin'

Forecast. More snow could be bound for Halifax as another storm approaches



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Keep those shovels handy, Halifax, because another storm could be on the way.

Just three days after Monday's heavy snow and ice pellets shut down most of the Halifax region, Environment Canada is predicting that on Thursday evening, another storm could bring snow, rain, ice pellets or a mix of all three.

"It remains to be seen exactly where it's going to go and how intense it's going to be," meteorologist Bob Robichaud said Tuesday. "It looks very similar to the one we just had."

Robichaud said it's hard to predict what will happen here until the tracking pattern becomes clearer, but the storm will probably start Thursday evening and last overnight, continuing into Friday.

He said if the system passes to the south of the province, we could see snow; if it passes through Halifax, we could get a "mix of all kinds of stuff"; if it tracks north, we could see mostly rain.

Environment Canada could not get into predicting snowfall amounts, but on Tuesday, The Weather Network was calling for 20 to 30 centimetres over Thursday night for Halifax.

After heavy snow began around 2 p.m. Monday, resulting in about 24 centimetres altogether, Robi-

Warning

Environment Canada issued a special weather statement for Halifax and most of the province Tuesday afternoon about the pending storm, urging residents to be "on the lookout for adverse weather conditions and take necessary safety precautions."

chaud said precipitation varied widely across HRM with some areas also seeing rain, freezing rain, high winds and ice pellets.

Temperatures ranged 16 degrees across the region, with the airport reporting a reading of -10 C and Sheet Harbour seeing 6 C late Monday night, Robichaud said.

By Tuesday afternoon, HRM said Priority 1 roads had been cleared with most other roads expected to be cleared by Tuesday night, while sidewalk plowing was also underway and salting would begin when temperatures allowed for de-icing.

However, there is a bit of a silver lining for Haligonians, Robichaud said: At least we're not in Saint John, which has gotten 120 centimetres of snow within a week.

Robichaud said Halifax is nowhere near those figures, with Monday's 24 centimetres adding to Saturday's five and last Tuesday's 15, bringing Halifax to roughly 44 centimetres in the same time frame.

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A sidewalk snowplow makes its way along Robie Street on Tuesday after an overnight snowstorm brought 24 centimetres to the region. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Data

No 'specific details' for HRM plow trackers

The City of Halifax doesn't have any detailed plans right now to install tracking devices on snowplows to

follow in the province's footsteps, but one spokeswoman said there's an "ongoing effort" to look into bringing in a similar system.

The province revealed details this week of two online tools for residents to track where plows have already cleared the roads using a locator system.

HRM spokeswoman Tif-

fany Chase said while data gathered by plows tracked with an automated vehicle locator system would be useful, much of the snow clearing is done on a contract basis in Halifax.

"There's an ongoing effort but we don't have specific details," Chase said. "It's a bit different where ... that would

involve us installing our equipment on private vehicles, which would be more of a challenge."

A potential option would be to only outfit HRM plows, Chase said, and the city would benefit by using the data for fuel management and dispatching crews to problem areas.

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Snow tires on transit buses are unnecessary, says HRM

Despite more than a dozen bus routes being switched to their snow plan to avoid icy areas and tough hills during Monday's storm, and a few sliding or getting stuck on an incline, the municipality says there's no need for Halifax Transit to look into snow tires.

Although Halifax Transit buses were spotted crawling up hills or avoiding them altogether Monday, spokeswoman Tiffany Chase said no buses were involved in collisions or received dam-

age from a bit of sliding, and only one bus was stuck, on the corner of Duke and Albe-marle streets.

"We monitor the tire treads very carefully during the winter and when (they) are worn down, we replace them," Chase said about the "aggressive" all-season tires used on Halifax Transit buses.

"Sometimes there are going to be road conditions that make it very challenging for buses to operate, and that's why we have the snow-plan

Quoted

"We're using the tire that mostly everybody else is using."

Tiffany Chase, Halifax Transit

detours."

Chase said their all-season tires, designed for commercial use, are consistent with those in other cities across the country, including Quebec City, which also sees "significant snowfall."

Snow tires do go on Access-A-Buses in Halifax, Chase said, but they're lighter than the traditional 40- or 60-foot buses.

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board inspects the tires twice a year, Chase said, and the all-seasons are always "approved and safe for use."

Civil vehicles such as police cars go through three sets of tires each winter, according to Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages, but Chase

said the transit buses are "a different style."

"Our buses are very heavy, and so given the fact that only one or two other transit agencies actually use winter tires ... the industry standard is to use an aggressive all-season track," Chase said.

Switching to winter tires would also require doubling the tire budget for Halifax Transit, Chase said, which was \$805,000 for 2014-15, plus extra for maintenance and the cost of installation.

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A Halifax Transit bus makes its way up a snow-covered Spring Garden Road on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO



Jason James Johnson, above, and Kelly Amanda MacDonald face charges of first-degree murder. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Pair accused in Miller murder appear in court

Crime. Defence gets more time to review Crown disclosure

The man and woman charged with murdering Catie Miller have had their cases pushed back until March.

Jason James Johnson, 29, and Kelly Amanda MacDonald, 33, both face charges of first-degree murder and indecently interfering with a dead human body.

Miller went missing July 15 and it's believed she was killed the same day.

Johnson and MacDonald

were arrested and charged in late November after investigators worked one of four crime scenes connected to Miller's remains. Those remains were positively identified as Miller's last week.

Johnson and MacDonald both made brief court appearances Tuesday, according to media reports, and the case was held over until March 11 due to the defence needing more time to review disclosure from the Crown.

George Edward Hubley, 30, of Sheet Harbour Passage also faces charges of accessory to murder after the fact and indecently interfering with a dead human body. **METRO**

Sackville

Police search for missing man

The RCMP say Matthew Gregory Stevens, 27, hasn't been seen since he was at his home with friends on Jan. 28.

Police don't believe Stevens' safety is at risk, but it's unusual for him not to report to work.

He is described as being five-foot-one, 100 pounds with a slim build, black hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion.

It's believed he was last seen wearing black pants and a red winter jacket.

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Truro

Rushton trial moved to Halifax

Safety concerns with the aging Supreme Court building in Truro have prompted a decision to move Gerald Rushton's double homicide trial scheduled starting in October to Halifax.

Rushton, 48, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his common-law wife, Elizabeth MacPherson, and her daughter, Brittany MacPherson, on Dec. 27, 2013, in the Pictou County home Elizabeth shared with Rushton.

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NOVA SCOTIA

Province must 'keep on their toes' over assaults at jail: Union chief

Correctional services.

Joan Jessome says more must be done for employees' safety



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One assault against a correctional officer is enough to raise an alarm, says the president of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union (NSGEU).

Joan Jessome is the head of the union that represents about 250 guards at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside, where The Canadian Press reported this week that assaults against guards have nearly doubled in 2014, compared to the previous year.

She finds these numbers troubling and believes they

serve as an important reminder to the province "to keep on their toes" when it comes to protecting employees — and not rely on the opening of a new jail in Priestville later this year to fix the problems.

"We don't want them off the hook, to be quite honest, even if they do have a new jail that's opening. (The province) should still be held accountable for the safety of their staff," Jessome said in an interview Tuesday.

"The new jail can't be the end-all, be-all."

She believes "Burnside will always be a beast," saying the jail houses a number of remanded federal inmates and serves as the main location for both Halifax and Dartmouth.

The union's main concern is ensuring the province's focus on the new jail does not distract their attention away from working to improve current safety and monitoring processes, Jessome explained.



Joan Jessome, president of NSGEU, says the province cannot rely on the new jail opening up to solve all their problems. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

Making sure all jail employees are properly trained and

the facility is properly staffed with a safe number of guards

and sufficient equipment are only a few of her concerns.

Quoted

"We just want to keep them on their toes because health and safety has to be dominant as protection for workers and for the inmates."

Joan Jessome, president of NSGEU

Due to the nature of their work, Jessome said, correctional officers are more vulnerable to violence and it is the province's responsibility to reduce that risk as much as possible.

Any injury to a guard carries a different set of mental and physical consequences, she explained, adding inmates can possess dangerous weapons.

Although much work must still be done, Jessome applauds the province's establishment of a health-and-safety committee that services correctional officers as a "positive move."



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N.S. invokes interrupter clause

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board announced Tuesday that the interrupter clause would be put into effect for regulated gasoline prices in the province — two days ahead of schedule.

The board never indicates whether prices will rise or fall, but a significant increase was expected when the new price was set at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday due to a jump in oil prices.

The only thing the board said Tuesday was that "a significant change" was coming.

The interrupter clause is used whenever significant



The province is using the clause for the first time since 2012. GETTY IMAGES

market activity warrants an adjustment before the normal weekly price reset. It will not be used to adjust diesel prices

this week.

The clause is also used only when the shift in the market is sustainable and not just "a temporary blip," according to the board's executive director.

Under the regulated system, prices are normally set each Friday by the UARB at 12:01 a.m.

The last time the clause was invoked was in October 2012, which saw reduction in gas prices by 5.3 cents per litre.

After weeks of dropping prices, the past two Fridays have seen about two-cent-a-litre increases. **METRO**

Port brought in over \$1B in 2013

The Port of Halifax raked in more than \$1 billion in 2013, according to a recent economic-impact report released by the Halifax Port Authority on Tuesday.

The report indicates the \$1.6-billion benchmark in 2013 was reached due to an increase of \$82 million annually, compared to when the previous economic report was released in 2007, before the recession took hold.

The president and CEO of the port authority, Karen Oldfield, stated in a news re-

lease that diversification of the port's business development — cargo, cruise and real estate — has contributed to its overall increases.

According to the report, the port creates 11,820 full-time jobs, as well as \$552.1 million in wages and salaries resulting from port activities.

The report states the port also operates 18 shipping lines, which connect to more than 150 countries.

Other highlights from the report include: between

Market visitors

898,170

An estimated 898,170 people visited the Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market in 2013, spending an average of \$25 per person and \$20 at surrounding businesses.

1.2 million and 1.3 million people visit the Halifax Seaport each year, and there has been an increase of cruise-ship dockings, to 134 from 92 in 2007. **METRO**



An oil sands facility is seen from a helicopter near Fort McMurray, Alta., in 2012. Many Nova Scotians who commuted to Alberta to work in the oilfields have been laid off due to the falling price of oil. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's 'hard as hell' to get back to Alberta

Oil. Plummeting prices having a 'ripple effect' for fly-in, fly-out Nova Scotia workers

John Gnatiuk has been using his earnings from Alberta's oilpatch to renovate his home in Sydney and support local businesses in Cape Breton's ailing economy.

But like many from Nova Scotia who have commuted to Alberta, the 39-year-old truck driver and heavy-equipment operator has been laid off and is cutting back on spending.

He's not alone, as the Conference Board of Canada predicts the downturn in Alberta caused by falling oil prices will also have a downside in Atlantic Canada where, last year, \$375 million in income

was generated from fly-in, fly-out workers.

Finding a job in Cape Breton hasn't been easy. "It's hard as hell to get back out there. There's nothing on my union board," Gnatiuk said in a recent interview. "Now I'm watching what I'm spending because the money doesn't last forever."

The unemployment rate in the Atlantic provinces in December ranged from a low of 8.3 per cent in Nova Scotia to 11.3 per cent in Newfoundland and Labrador. Alberta's jobless rate stood at 4.7 per cent for the same month.

During his last three years of working out West, Gnatiuk estimates labourers like himself could earn between \$100,000 and \$150,000 a year. Other than canteen purchases and cigarettes from the work camp's vending machines at the Kearl Lake oil sands project, the money went straight back into the economy back home, paying off a pickup truck, motorcycle and home renovations during the 72 days Gnatiuk spent in Cape Breton last year.

The Conference Board says Alberta's oil woes create a "ripple effect" in the East.

Grounded

If oil prices recover and John Gnatiuk can bid on work again, he'll happily return to the fly-in, fly-out life: "I'm not one to sit idle for long, and sitting on my ass on unemployment is not for me," he said.

"Depending on the reduction in this workforce, a portion of that income is at risk in 2015," says a recent report written by economists Pedro Antunes and Kip Beckman.

Marc Dube, the manager of Port Hawkesbury Paper, which employs 330 people in its Cape Breton mill and 400 woodland contractors, says fuel costs are down 40 per cent over the past few months, generating monthly savings of \$60,000 to \$70,000.

"It contributes to our profitability and, when you're profitable, you invest back in the facility," Dube said.

Gnatiuk, meanwhile, says the positive side to the slowdown in Alberta includes spending more time with his six-year-old son Landon.

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Travel

Lease renewed for ferry between N.S. and Newfoundland

The federal government has

signed a \$40-million lease renewal for a ferry that runs between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

Ottawa says the lease for Marine Atlantic's MV Atlantic Vision has been renewed until November 2017.

Marine Atlantic says the agreement provides better options for fleet configuration for its ferry services between North Sydney and Port aux Basques and Argentina in Newfoundland.

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Halifax can runneth over and see the Cup

Residents can now plan out the best time to get up close and personal with Canada's favourite Stanley.

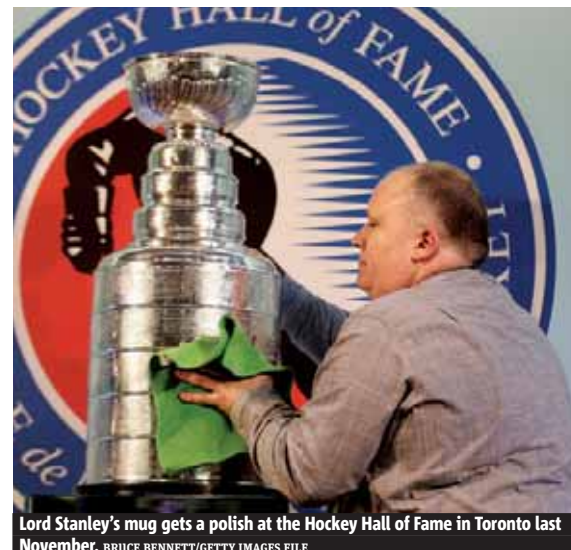
During the upcoming Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada events across the region from Feb. 12 to 15, the Stanley Cup will be on display in various locations in the HRM.

On Feb. 12, the public is invited to feel like an NHL star during the Skate With the Cup event at the Halifax Forum, complete with hot chocolate and coffee, from 7 to 9 a.m.

The Cup will be at the celebrity luncheon on Feb. 13, a ticketed event, at the Cunard Centre from 12 to 2 p.m.

Also on Feb. 13, everyone can catch the Cup at the new Halifax Central Library from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

You can also see the Cup at the free Hockey Day in Canada live broadcast, at the Emera Oval on Feb. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m.



Lord Stanley's mug gets a polish at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto last November. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

The last chance to catch the Cup will be at the free Rogers Hometown Hockey event at Cole Harbour Place on Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. **METRO**

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Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird rises in the House of Commons Tuesday in Ottawa to announce he will step down from his position. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Politics. Baird resignation creates hole at home

One of Stephen Harper's most experienced ministers resigned his plum foreign affairs post Tuesday, leaving a void around the Conservative cabinet table at a critical juncture in both domestic and international affairs.

John Baird was a prominent voice for Canada on the world stage and a multi-faceted lieutenant for Harper; his departure leaves many wondering who can carry the ball amid upheaval abroad and an election on the horizon at home.

The only one who seemed upbeat about the state of things was Baird himself.

"Last night, I spoke to the prime minister and informed him that I was standing down from cabinet," Baird told a hushed House of Commons.

"I will miss this place very much and many of the people in it, on all sides, but the time has come for me to start a new chapter in my life."

Baird said he has no plans to run for re-election and will sur-

render his seat — he represents the Ottawa riding of Nepean — in the coming weeks.

Trade Minister Ed Fast will stand in for Baird at Foreign Affairs.

In a statement that was, oddly, delivered only on paper and not in person, Harper said he accepted Baird's resignation "with great regret and affection."

"John has always been willing to do a lot of the heavy lifting in my various cabinets and has assumed daunting new responsibilities with unsurpassed energy, commitment and professionalism, never losing sight of the fact that he was serving the Canadian people."

Though Baird took on Foreign Affairs with the same bulldog bravado that characterized his 20 years in politics, his views grew nuanced over time, leading to a softer touch on some files than the prime minister wanted, Conservative sources said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP arrest Awso Peshdary on terrorism-related charges

National security.

Peshdary was previously swept up in a separate probe in August 2010

The RCMP have arrested Awso Peshdary, 25, and charged him with a number of terrorism-related offences including conspiring with John Maguire, a former University of Ottawa student who made headlines with a video supporting ISIL and warning of, and encouraging, further attacks on Canada.

Peshdary is in police custody, faces four charges and is expected to appear in a bail court in Ottawa on Wednesday. He is facing charges of participating in, conspiring to participate in and facilitating the activity of a terrorist group.

Khadar Khalib, 23, who is also believed to be overseas, is charged with leaving Canada to participate in, counselling a person to participate in and conspiring to participate, or to contribute in an activity of a terrorist group.

"These charges speak to our ability to tackle a threat that is multifaceted and constantly evolving," assistant RCMP commissioner James Malizia said in a statement.

"Through collaborative efforts with our partners, we were able to disrupt an organized network associated



Chief Superintendent Jennifer Strachan Criminal Operations Officer RCMP O Division announces during a news conference in Ottawa on Tuesday that the RCMP have laid terror charges against three people. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

with (ISIL). This network was involved in recruiting individuals for terrorism purposes and in sending them into Syria and Iraq for the benefit of this terrorist group."

News of Peshdary's arrest was released at a news conference in Ottawa Tuesday afternoon.

Despite reports that Maguire had been killed in fighting in the middle east, RCMP say they have no information to substantiate those reports.

Peshdary's defence lawyer, Richard Morris, slammed the RCMP's disclosure, saying they revealed more information to the press than they did to him.

He said he received a phone call that his client had been arrested and was read four charges over the phone but given no other information about the case.

"I asked them is there anything else you can tell me and they said no. Twenty minutes

later I get a call for a colleague saying there's going to be a press conference," Morris told Metro. "It seems to me they are more interested in spinning this to the public than guaranteeing the constitutional rights of my client."

Morris said he tried to attend the press conference, but was barred from entering by the RCMP.

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Measles virus makes return

Between the Disneyland outbreak and this week's revelation that measles has popped up in Toronto, a virus that Canada and the United States wiped out over a decade ago is firmly back in the news.

The measles virus has not circulated in either country since the late 1990s.

When the virus is detected it means it's been imported — by a resident who contracts measles while travelling, or an infected person visiting the country. Then the highly contagious virus can spread among those who are not immunized.

What is behind the apparent recent increase in measles activity?

The U.S. had more measles cases in January (102) than it had in most entire years between 2001 and 2010, Canada has recently had several large



Miami Children's Hospital pediatrician Dr. Amanda Porro administers a measles vaccination to Sophie Barquin, 4, as her mother Gabrielle Barquin and R.N. Diane Lichtman hold her during a visit to the Miami Children's Hospital on Jan. 28 in Miami, Florida. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

outbreaks too, one involving 678 cases in Quebec in 2011 and another of over 400 last spring in British Columbia.

Why, when there is an effective — and free — vaccine available to all Canadian kids, are children and adults still coming down with a nasty dis-

ease that can progress to pneumonia, trigger brain damage or deafness, and even death?

The fundamental answer is that some parents don't vaccinate their children. But what is really driving multi-case outbreaks is clustering, experts suggest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Argentina. Dead man asked for president to be arrested

Investigators, examining the death of a prosecutor who accused Argentine President Cristina Fernandez of agreeing to shield the alleged masterminds of a 1994 terror bombing, said Tuesday they have found a draft document he wrote requesting her arrest.

Chief investigator Viviana Fein said the draft detention request was found in a trash bin of the apartment where Alberto Nisman's body was discovered on Jan. 18.

It was not included in a complaint Nisman had filed in federal court days earlier. Nisman was found dead of a gunshot wound in his bathroom hours before he was to appear in Congress to detail his allegations that Fernandez agreed to protect those responsible for the 1994 bombing of Buenos Aires' largest Jewish community centre.

The attack, which killed 85 people, remains unsolved. Fernandez has dismissed the allegations against her.

Fein at first denied the existence of the document after Argentina's Clarin newspaper



Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

published an article about it on Sunday. Cabinet chief Jorge Capitanich ripped up the article in front of reporters on Monday.

But Clarin then published a copy of the draft, which was dated from June 2014. It said Nisman also had considered requesting arrest orders against Fernandez's foreign minister, Hector Timerman, and other officials in her government. Conspiracy theories have swirled around Nisman's death since his body was found. Authorities initially said he likely committed suicide.

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Anwar al-Tarawneh, centre, the wife of Jordanian pilot, Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh, holds a poster of him with Arabic script that reads, "we are all Muath," during a protest Tuesday. An online video that bears the logo of the militant group's media service purportedly shows the pilot being killed.

RAAD ADAYLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jordan vows revenge after ISIL kills pilot

Middle East. Video purports to show Lt. Al-Kaseasbeh burned alive in a cage

Execution

Jordan may now go ahead with the execution of Al-Rishawi, 44, who faces death by hanging for her role in the bombings of three Amman hotels in 2005.

- Al-Rishawi, an Iraqi national, has close family ties to the Iraqi branch of al-Qaida, a precursor of the Islamic State group.

Militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) put to death a captured Jordanian fighter pilot by burning him alive in a cage, according to a video the group released Tuesday.

Jordan's military confirmed the death of Lt. Muath Al-Kaseasbeh, who was captured by the extremists in December when his F-16 crashed while he was flying a mission as part of the U.S.-led air campaign against ISIL.

Jordanian TV said the pilot was killed as long ago as Jan. 3. In the past week, the militants had not responded to demands by Jordanian authorities to deliver proof the airman was alive so a prisoner swap could be made. The killing of the 26-year-old pilot appeared aimed at pressuring the government of Jordan — a close U.S. ally

— to leave the coalition that has carried out months of airstrikes targeting ISIL positions in Syria and Iraq.

King Abdullah II broadcast a speech on Jordanian TV on Tuesday evening, confirming the pilot's death "with sorrow and anger," and urging his countrymen to unite.

Jordanian officials said

the country would respond swiftly and decisively.

"Our punishment and revenge will be as huge as the loss of the Jordanians," said the spokesman of the armed forces, Mamdouh al-Ameri.

The 20-minute video purportedly showing the pilot's killing was released on militant websites and bore the logo of the extremist group's al-Furqan media service. The clip featured the slick production and graphics used in previous ISIL videos.

The video, which could not immediately be confirmed independently by The Associated Press, threatened other purported Jordanian pilots by name.

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UN. Court clears Croats, Serbs, of genocide in '90s

The United Nations' top court ruled Tuesday that Serbia and Croatia did not commit genocide against each other's people during the bloody 1990s wars sparked by the breakup of Yugoslavia.

The International Court of Justice said Serb forces committed widespread crimes in Croatia early in the war, but these did not amount to genocide.

The 17-judge panel then ruled that a 1995 Croat offensive to win back territory from rebel Serbs also featured serious crimes, but did not

reach the level of genocide.

Croatia brought the case to the world court in 1999, asking judges to order Belgrade to pay compensation. Serbia later filed a counterclaim, alleging genocide by Croat forces during the 1995 Operation Storm military campaign where Croatian forces took back territory seized by Serbs in the Krajina region.

Both countries expressed disappointment that the court had rejected their claims, but said it is time to move on.

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Crime

Man convicted over 'revenge porn'

A San Diego man has been convicted of running a "revenge porn" website where people posted nude pictures of their ex-lovers, who then had to pay the man to take down the images.

Kevin Bollaert, 28, faces up to 20 years in prison.

More than two dozen people were named as victims in the criminal complaint. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gaza

Israel's PM wants war crimes body scrapped

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday called for scrapping a UN commission tasked with investigating potential war crimes committed last summer in Gaza, after the inquiry's chief resigned amid accusations from Israel that he was biased against the country.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Easier to join ISIL than leave, defectors find



A man in Tunisia (not the one in the accompanying news story) talks about how his friends went to fight in Syria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

In Tunis, Ghaith stands furtively on a street corner, his face masked by a hoodie, his tense eyes scanning the crowd for any hint of ISIL militants.

He chain-smokes as he describes the indiscriminate killing, the abuse of female recruits, the discomfort of a life where meals were little more than bread and cheese or oil.

He recounts the knife held to his throat by fellow fighters

who demanded he recite a particular Quranic verse on Islamic warfare to prove himself.

"It was totally different from what they said jihad would be like," said Ghaith, who asked to be identified by his first name only for fear of being killed.

Ghaith eventually surrendered to Syrian soldiers. While foreigners from across the world have joined the Islamic State militant group, some find

day-to-day life in Iraq or Syria much more austere and violent than they had expected.

These disillusioned recruits also soon discover that it is a lot harder to leave than to join. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant has killed 120 of its own members in the past six months, most of them foreign fighters hoping to return home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beverages

Coke looking to milk new category

Coke is coming out with premium milk that has more protein and less sugar. And it's betting people will pay twice as much for Fairlife, as Americans turn away from soft drinks and seek out some type of functional boost from their foods and drinks, whether it's more fibre, antioxidants or protein.

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Market Minute

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OIL
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GOLD
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Natural gas: \$2.754 US (+7.4¢)
Dow Jones: 17,666.40 (+305.36)

Space tourism. Virgin Galactic turning corner

The only thing interrupting one of New Mexico's most remote stretches of desert is a pristine runway where Virgin Galactic plans one day to launch the world's first commercial space-line.

In the four years since its completion, however, the runway has seen little use: Just promises, year after year, that it would shuttle passengers to the edges of Earth.

Virgin Galactic had proclaimed 2015 was finally going to be the year. That was until its rocket-powered spacecraft broke apart during a test flight last fall, killing one pilot and igniting speculation about the future of commercial space tourism and Spaceport America.

Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides said things are on track now and testing will take off again this year. Virgin Galactic's manufacturing crew is about two-thirds done with building a new spacecraft, and the operations team is ramping up for a test-flight program that will serve as one of the last major hurdles to

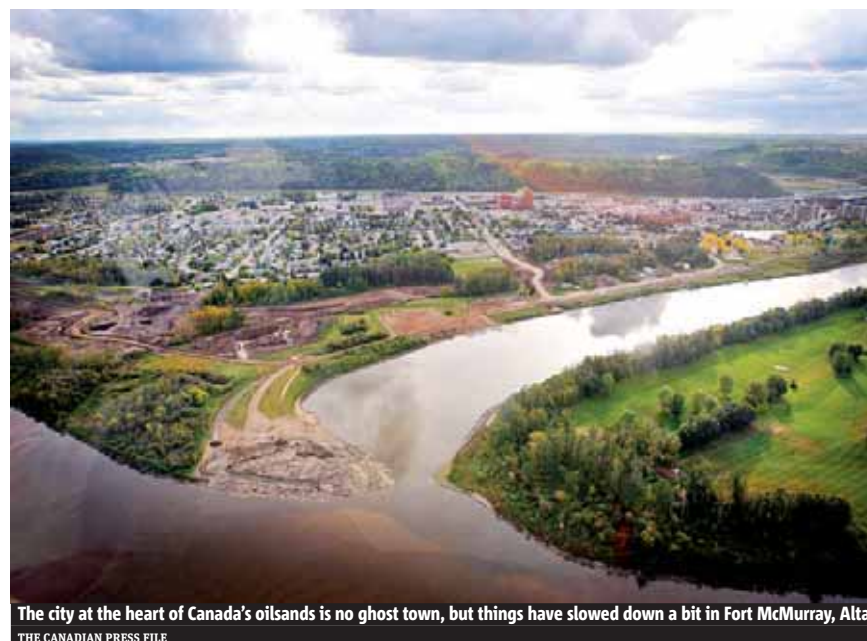


Christine Anderson, executive director of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority, poses at the end of the taxiway at Spaceport America in Upham, N.M. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

getting off the ground.

Christine Anderson, the head of New Mexico's Spaceport Authority, pointed to the ill-fated Apollo 1 test launch and the 1986 Challenger explosion as examples of space exploration efforts that resulted in tragedy. Still, astronauts and scientists pushed on — and, she said, those backing Virgin Galactic and Spaceport America are doing the same.

"We have invested \$218 million, so there's absolutely no reason to stop now," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The city at the heart of Canada's oil sands is no ghost town, but things have slowed down a bit in Fort McMurray, Alta. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Oilsands cutbacks hard on contractors

Fort McMurray. City's shadow population who fly in and out on jobs are most affected by the slowdown

Roman Skowronski would go back home to British Columbia if he thought the job prospects there were any brighter. But, for the time being, the heavy equipment operator will keep trying to make a go of it in "Fort Mac."

Most of the time, Skowronski is able to land short-term jobs through his union, but he's had little success lately.

Most livelihoods are in one way or another tied to the oil-

sands in Fort McMurray, Alta. Downtown, after work, overalls and steel-toed boots far outnumber suits and ties.

The impact of crude's sharp slide wasn't readily evident in the city in late January. Most people who live there permanently continue to have steady jobs at mines north of town or at businesses that serve that clientele.

Based on past experience, many Fort Mac denizens see the current situation as temporary.

"In two years it's going to turn around big-time," said Mike Beaulieu, who works at Shell Canada, which has cut some of its oilsands staff.

His colleague, Jaimie Caines, recalls: "(In) 2009 this happened, too, and everyone was worried. It'll blow over eventually."

But Fort McMurray and the surrounding region has a large "shadow population" — 39,271 out of a total population of 116,407, according to the 2012 municipal census. Those folks may officially res-

ide elsewhere in Canada, but fly in and out of site to work for weeks at a time. While on the job, they stay at lodges — many well-appointed with gyms, theatres and other perks — largely bypassing the city itself.

"I think that's the group that's probably been affected the most by any slowdown," said Nick Sanders, president of the local chamber of commerce. "From our perspective, that's a pretty good business decision for the oilsands companies to make. You don't want to start laying off the people in Fort McMurray because they've made that long-term commitment to the community."

Heavyweights such as Suncor Energy Inc. and the Syncrude Canada Ltd. consortium continue to dig up bitumen. But, with crude prices slumping below \$50 US a barrel for most of the year, so far expansions and new projects are in question, affecting short-term construction jobs.

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Jobs

1,000

Suncor Energy has announced a \$1 billion reduction in spending and has said it will cut 1,000 positions — mostly contractors.

Man pleads guilty to selling fake urine

An Ohio man who sold fake urine and other products meant to help people pass workplace drug tests has pleaded guilty before a federal judge in Pennsylvania.

David Neal, 61, of Middletown, Ohio, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States and introduc-

tion of misbranded drugs into interstate commerce. He faces up to six years in prison when he returns to Pittsburgh for sentencing May 13.

U.S. Attorney David Hickton said Neal sold illegal substances online beginning in 2006 through his company, ACS Herbal Tea. Some of the

products, including Magnum Unisex Synthetic Urine and Urine Luck, were designed to thwart tests such as those used by the U.S. Department of Transportation to screen airline pilots, truck drivers and train engineers, as well as FBI agents.

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NOVA SCOTIA

French pastry chef touts 'essence of the product'

Pascal Rigo talks with Metro News about his upcoming creations for coffee giant Starbucks. Ontario and B.C. will get a taste of Rigo's food starting March 3.



ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
Metro in Toronto

Meet Pascal Rigo: The pastry evangelist who's coming to Canada determined to put a classic French twist on mass-produced food.

A man of gusto and expressive hand gestures, Rigo will be filling Starbucks stores in Ontario and British Columbia with his La Boulange French pastries and sandwiches, starting March 3. The rest of the country will see his croissants in cafés by July.

He wants to disprove the common theory that fast food is low in quality. He likes the words "pure" and "simple" and fawns particularly over his ingredients.

In a \$100-million deal, Rigo has gone from serving 16,000 people at 20 San Francisco cafés, to entering the lives of 45 million people a week after his company was bought by Starbucks in 2012.

"What can we do that's

really, really good, and how can we share it with as many people as possible?" he said, with boundless energy in his voice and his eyebrows up to his hairline.

The solution, he said, was found in freezers.

His croissants, danishes and scones — already available in U.S. stores — are frozen the moment they come out of industrial ovens, individually wrapped and put in cartridges for transport and storage until they're sold.

"We capture the essence of the product at the end of baking and we seal it," he said.

Rigo hesitated to criticize the current Starbucks pastry lineup, but he did note that compared to his creation, the existing croissant "just doesn't smell like butter."

Starbucks has made a "substantial investment" by putting freezers in all of its cafés to store the pastries, a spokesperson said.

The pastries take 15 seconds to warm up ("and



Pascal Rigo DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

wake up the butter") — about the time it takes to make a latte — and sell for a slightly higher price than the current product line, averaging about \$2.45.

As for the prospect of competing with Tim Hortons, Rigo seemed unperturbed.

"I was not sure how nice the baby will look," he quipped of the recent merger between Tim Hortons and Burger King.

The corner bakery and

Quoted

"There are good croissants and bad cronuts. I think you can invent everything in the world, but you have to start somewhere, and for us it's the ingredients."

Pascal Rigo, when asked about the value of pastry trends.

French grandmothers are his real competition, he said.

To pull it off, he's building a network of smaller producers — blueberries from B.C., California almonds and Oregano peppermint, eschewing another well-held notion that local is best.

"It could be local and crap," he said in characteristic French frankness.

Starbucks won't be offering all the same products in every store, either. It's selling pastrami sandwiches

in New York City and goat cheese-and-zucchini croissants in San Francisco.

Not even all croissants will taste the same coast to coast, Rigo said, warning that perfection isn't the goal — authenticity is.

All that, from a man also keen to push the idea that mechanization is not innately bad, even for a foodie.

"The machine is fine, it's what you feed the machine with," he said.

In a world where pre-packed and processed foods reign, it's a big mission for a man who began baking as a child in the small village of Paillet, France, before moving to the U.S., building a popular café franchise, and selling it to the biggest name in coffee for many millions.

"I asked for way more than that," he said, and laughed. "You've got to start high."

The French bakers he learned from would no doubt agree: Rigo's artisan-for-all mission is a lofty one.

Rossann Williams

Starbucks president aims high

Starbucks baristas: Make room for bartenders — and a carbonation station for teas and juices.

An evening menu of wine, beer and tapas will be launched at the coffee chain's locations in Canada's big cities by the end of the year, Starbucks Canada president Rossann Williams told Torstar News Service.

She said the company's aim is to appeal to women, who make up 60 per cent of Starbucks' customers and don't necessarily like to hang out in bars with their friends.

With coffee sales flat, the 44-year-old java giant is pushing into different areas as it faces stiff competition from fast-food chains serving coffee along with independent coffee chains popping up everywhere.

Williams said she expects new food options from French pastry chef Pascal Rigo, in particular, to be a big driver of sales and traffic for the chain.

"Millennial customers like quality," said Williams, who said her aim is to attract the next generation. "They have to make big changes, just like Tim Hortons did six or seven years ago when it started expanding its food menu," said Robert Carter, executive director of food service at NPJ Group.

He said with fast-food restaurant growth projected to slow down growth to one per cent over the next five years in Canada, there is "real room for Starbucks to steal customers" from Tims especially, which has a dominant 42-per-cent market share in fast food. Starbucks is stuck in fifth place in the so-called quick service restaurant business, he noted. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Rossann Williams, new president of Starbucks Canada
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Anatomy of a pastry favourite

Chocolate croissant

Choosing a favourite is no easy feat

Asking Pascal Rigo to choose which pastry you should try first is like asking him to "choose between my children," he said.

But when pushed, the chocolate croissant won.

"It's an amazing chocolate croissant," he said. "The crunchiness of the butter flavour, or how warm it is, it's the authenticity."



All about chocolate

"When you eat it, think about the single origin chocolate from Colombia, how it travelled and how those two things met together." Pascal Rigo

Layers of butter

24

The croissant has the flaky structure that comes from the proper 24 layers of all-butter dough and baked to a golden-brown colour, Rigo noted.

Coffee or tea

Pair it with a drink

When it comes to pairing the chocolate croissant with a beverage, Rigo suggests Caffé Verona, Guatemala Antigua, Espresso Roast, Ethiopia or a Teavana Shaken Iced Black Tea.

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Lindsay Lohan ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Lohans sue Fox for crack about Dina doing coke with Lilo

Be careful what you say about Lindsay Lohan, because apparently the perennially troubled actress is looking to keep her lawyers busy with something other than her



Ryan Guzman

probation hearings.

Lohan and her mother, Dina, are suing Fox News, Sean Hannity, and Michelle Fields for comments made during a Hannity episode exactly a year ago about the mother-daughter duo doing cocaine together, according to TMZ.

Their main complaint is that while Fox issued an apology, the video

clip in question — from a segment about stars who could suffer similar fates to Philip Seymour Hoffman, in which Fields states, “Lindsay’s mom is doing cocaine with her” — was not removed from the web, despite a request that Fox do so.

It’s tough to decide who to root for in this one.

Boy Next Door Guzman’s naked ambition on display

Sure The Boy Next Door did some respectable business at the box office, but if you’re the non-J.Lo star of the film, your first concern should be keeping that fame game momentum going, right?

And Ryan Guzman knows just how to do that: Get naked.

The young actor posed nude — save for some carefully draped

sheets — for Cosmopolitan U.K.’s March issue to raise awareness for Cancer Research U.K., because sure.

And just to make sure you feel weird about any dirty thoughts, he peppers the spread with some personal tragedy: “I lost my grandfather to cancer when I was 13,” Guzman tells the magazine. “It’s affected my life and I’ll do everything I can to back cancer research.” And he does apparently mean everything.

Mila Kunis weighs in on her really big baby girl

Mila Kunis is making the talk-show rounds for the first time since giving birth to daughter Wyatt four months ago — and apparently Wyatt was quite the whopper.

“She’s a really good baby. She was 9.5 pounds when she was born,” Kunis tells Ellen DeGeneres during an interview. “Because she was so big, she was a like a hearty little thing.”

That is putting it lightly. And apparently having a baby that big can throw off your planning. “Newborn never happened. Newborn diapers never happened and newborn clothes never happened,” Kunis explains.



Mila Kunis

“She’s four months old and wears six-month clothing, six to nine. She’s a big girl, y’all.” Sure, fine, but when did Kunis start saying “y’all”?



Robin Williams and his wife Susan Schneider

Robin’s widow and his kids go to court over estate

Efforts to settle Robin Williams’ estate are getting messy, as his wife, Susan Schneider, is suing the late comedian’s three children from previous marriages for removing items from the home she and Williams shared without her permission. But Williams’ kids are countersuing, claiming

Schneider is “adding insult to a terrible injury,” according to the Associated Press. “The Williams children are heartbroken that (Schneider), Mr. Williams’ wife of less than three years, has acted against his wishes by challenging the plans so carefully made for his estate,” their attorney says in the filing.

Neil Patrick Harris swears he’s ready to host Oscars

If Oscars host Neil Patrick Harris’ first appearance related to the gig — popping up at this week’s annual nominees luncheon — is any indication, profanity is on the table for the Feb. 22 awards ceremony.

“Some of you are good friends and some of you I just got a chance to meet for the first time, but



Neil Patrick Harris

we are all going to be spending Oscar night together, where everything will be hilarious,” he said, addressing the luncheon before pulling out a spiral toy to hypnotize the nominees in attendance, intoning, “Everything will be hilarious. Everything will be f—ing hilarious.”

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New Harper Lee novel features Scout as adult

Publishing. To Kill a Mockingbird author will release first work in more than 50 years

To Kill a Mockingbird will not be Harper Lee's only published book after all. Publisher Harper announced Tuesday that Go Set a Watchman, a novel the Pulitzer Prize-winning author completed in the 1950s and put aside, will be released July 14.

Rediscovered last fall, Go Set a Watchman is essentially a sequel to To Kill a Mockingbird, although it was finished earlier. The 304-page book will be Lee's second, and the first published work in more than 50 years. The publisher plans a first printing of two million copies.

"In the mid-1950s, I completed a novel called Go Set a Watchman," the 88-year-old Lee said in a statement issued by Harper. "It features the character known as Scout as an adult woman, and I thought it a pretty decent effort. My editor, who was taken by the flashbacks to Scout's childhood, persuaded me to write a novel (what became To Kill a Mockingbird) from the point of view of the young Scout."

"I was a first-time writer, so I did as I was told. I hadn't realized it (the original book) had survived, so was surprised and delighted when my dear friend and lawyer Tonja Carter discovered it. After much thought and hesitation, I shared it with a handful of people I trust and was pleased to hear that they



Harper Lee in a 2007 file photo
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considered it worthy of publication. I am humbled and amazed that this will now be published after all these years."

Financial terms were not disclosed. The deal was negotiated between Carter and the head of Harper's parent company, Michael Morrison of HarperCollins Publishers.

According to publisher Harper, Carter came upon the manuscript at a "secure location where it had been affixed to an original typescript of To Kill a Mockingbird." The new book is set in Lee's famed Maycomb, Ala., during the mid-1950s, 20 years after To Kill a Mockingbird and roughly contemporaneous with the time that Lee was writing the story.

The civil rights movement was taking hold in her home state. The Supreme Court had ruled unanimously in 1954 that segregated schools were unconstitutional, and the arrest of Rosa Parks in 1955 led to the yearlong Montgomery bus boycott.

"Scout (Jean Louise Finch)

Quoted

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Author Harper Lee

has returned to Maycomb from New York to visit her father, Atticus," the publisher's announcement reads. "She is forced to grapple with issues both personal and political as she tries to understand her father's attitude toward society, and her own feelings about the place where she was born and spent her childhood."

Lee herself is a Monroeville, Ala. native who lived in New York in the 1950s and returned to her hometown. According to the publisher, the book will be released as she first wrote it, with no revisions.

"To a lot of us in bookselling, To Kill a Mockingbird remains one of our all-time favourite books and it sure is exciting to know we are about to learn more of the story," said Oren Teicher, CEO of the American Booksellers Association, the trade group for the country's independent stores.

To Kill a Mockingbird is among the most beloved novels in history, with worldwide sales topping 40 million copies. It was released on July 11, 1960, won the Pulitzer Prize and was adapted into a 1962 movie of the same name. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

the network said. DuVernay will write, direct and executive produce the drama, her first TV series.

Former talk show queen Winfrey increased her presence on OWN's non-scripted programs (including Oprah Presents: Master Class) to help steady the channel after its rocky start. The new drama will mark her acting debut on OWN after several big-screen projects and network TV movies.

Production on Winfrey and DuVernay's drama series is scheduled to begin later this year, OWN said. The contempor-



Mindy Kaling CONTRIBUTED

A TV couple that stays together

Plot. The Mindy Project doesn't take hackneyed will-they-won't-they approach to romance

Quoted

"Mindy's a very wild character and she has very strong opinions, but they both just kind of want to make it work."

Mindy Kaling, on her character's onscreen romance with beau Danny

LISA WEIDENFELD
Metro in Boston

The Mindy Project is attempting something bold for a sitcom: The main couple got together, and stayed together. Many shows take the Ross and Rachel route, and try will-they-won't-they couples before breaking them up (see: New Girl), but so far, Mindy and beau Danny have been working out their differences.

"Mindy's a very wild character and she has very strong opinions, but they both just kind of want to make it work," says show creator and star Mindy Kaling.

"Relationships work because people want to make it work even if they're difficult

people. It also just makes them really entertaining."

The duo has faced such challenges as Danny's intensely close relationship with his mother and Mindy getting a little ahead of herself in terms of where their relationship is, but they're now facing their biggest challenge yet. Mindy accepted a fellowship on the West Coast, and they're now making it work long distance.

Asked if the show's writers intentionally decided to focus on Mindy's career now that her love life is relatively stable, Kaling jokes, "Thank you for giving us the credit to know that we've that planned out," then adds, "We just think, 'What's exciting to us?' Mindy had started taking interns

under her wing, and I really liked that dynamic. I like when Mindy is bossy, but it's because she's competent, not because she's just being bossy."

Part of the fun of writing the relationship between Mindy and Danny has been letting co-star Chris Messina shine. "I feel like Chris used to be a straight man for my character in like the first four episodes. More and more, my favourite scenes are the ones where Mindy is like, 'Hey man, are you OK?' Where Mindy's the straight man," says Kaling.

"Chris is so talented. I love that in one episode he can be a complete heartthrob but then also a walking physical comedy set piece. It's awesome."



Oprah
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Show development

OWN to adapt Queen Sugar as drama series

Oprah Winfrey and the director of the Oscar-nominated movie Selma are creating a drama series for Winfrey's TV channel. The project from Winfrey and filmmaker Ava DuVernay is inspired by the Natalie Baszile novel Queen Sugar, the OWN channel said.

Winfrey will serve as executive producer and will play a recurring role,

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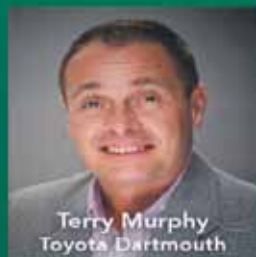
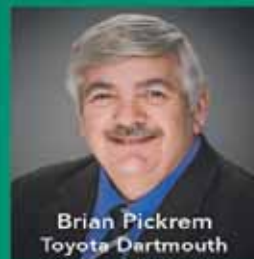
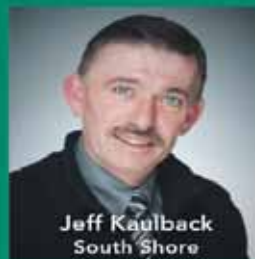
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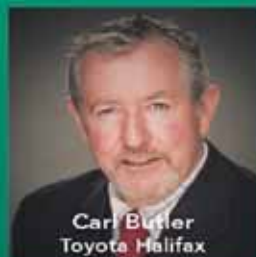
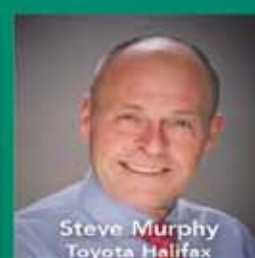
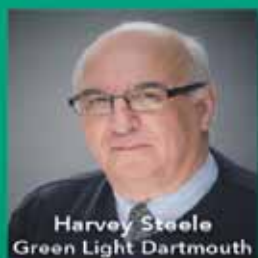


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How-to

Achieve travel exit velocity

1. Adopt the mindset that 'you can do it' rather than mentally shutting down your travel dream once you envision it.
2. Pick the best time of year to visit your destination, then assign it a month (and a year)
3. Buy the flights as soon as you are able, so that when travel time comes, they are paid off. (Can you use credit card points?)
4. Start a fund meant only for the trip, and set a weekly or monthly contribution goal.
5. Contribute all the extra funds you can: dividend, work bonus, piggy bank, \$10 lottery ticket win — everything.
6. Research to find discount accommodation options (family-run B&Bs, hostels) so you can splurge elsewhere. **DOUG WALLACE/METRO**

New

La Reserve Paris Hotel and Spa

Occupying a mansion previously owned by French fashion designer Pierre Cardin, La Reserve Paris is a new 26-suite, 14-room gem off the Champs-Élysées on Avenue Gabriel. Facilities include a courtyard, library, spa and French restaurant, Le Gabriel. Belle Époque luxury is alive and well, with period furniture, luxe fabrics and regal colours. Go see how the other half lives. From \$1,050. Visit lareserve-paris.com. **DOUG WALLACE/METRO, PHOTO: LA RESERVE PARIS**



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Climbing peaks and dunes

The Southwest. This spring lace up your hiking shoes and head to Arizona and Texas for some challenging and scenic trails

In seven parks from Phoenix, Ariz., to near El Paso, Texas, you can wander across blindingly white sand dunes, climb on all fours over red boulders, trek to waterfalls deep inside a canyon, and play rockhound for a day. Here are some highlights not to miss this spring.

Saguaro Forests

Two-storey-high saguaros, ocotillo bushes tipped with scarlet blooms and blossoming palo verde trees border the steeply rising switchbacks on the first two kilometres of the Hugh Norris Trail in the western district of Saguaro National Park.

At the ridge top, falcons soar as dusk settles onto one of the densest concentrations of saguaros in the Sonoran desert, many more than a century old. In the distance stands Signal Hill, where the Hohokam people carved petroglyphs hundreds of years ago.

Although Tucson bisects the park's two districts, silence on the trail is unbroken.

Canyon swim

Deep inside Bear Canyon, seven waterfalls gurgled amid rocky walls studded with cactus. This 13-kilometre round-trip hike in Sabino Canyon Recreation Area, just north of Tucson, is a parade of Southwest wilderness bests: saguaro stands silhouetted against mountain peaks, a cottonwood-lined river gorge, and chilly rock pools, perfect



Hikers descend a steep portion of the Camelback Mountain trail. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

for dipping battered feet.

Rocks all around

Follow I-10 east more than 160 kilometres from Tucson, across desert so wide that the mountains look like they're hanging off a round horizon, like a child's drawing of the Earth. Then head toward the border to either Rock Hound State Park, in Deming, N.M., or Chiricahua National Monument, Ariz.

The park allows visitors to collect up to 15 pounds. The nearby Red Roof Rock Shop can saw them in two — \$3 for a half-hour of work — to reveal gorgeous sparkling blue agate nestled against pale violet rhyolite, a type of rock known as a thunderegg.

At Chiricahua, a "sky island" mountain range emerges from the emptiness, its dense formations of eroded volcanic ash spires millions of years old



Endless white sand dunes stretch across the horizon at White Sands National Monument in New Mexico. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

If you go ...

- **Picacho Peak State Park.** azstateparks.com/Parks/PIPE/
- **Saguaro National Park.** nps.gov/sagu
- **Bear Canyon Trail.** In Sabino Canyon, about 22 kilometres from Tucson, Ariz.
- **Rock Hound State Park.** Near Deming, New Mexico, about 160 kilometres from El Paso, Texas

in a blizzard. But a few tall, spiky yucca plants sprouting from the gypsum sand signalled that this was desert, part of 713 square kilometres of constantly shifting dunes at White Sands National Monument. The remote area sits in the middle of a missile range in southern New Mexico.

Crawling up camelback

One of the most iconic Southwest hikes is smack in the middle of metro Phoenix.

The experience of clambering up the 824-metre Camelback Mountain starts with fighting for a parking spot and ends with the rush of bagging a genuine peak. Hikers use metal handrails in spots to pull themselves up the red rocks, which resemble the face and hump of a camel.

When you aren't climbing on all fours, take in the 360-degree views of distant mountain ranges and closer golf courses and pools, framed by tall saguaros, blooming and fragrant creosote, and orange poppy buds.

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stand like turrets on a sand castle. Starting from Massai Point, 2,094 metres high above the desert, hike down to Echo Canyon Grotto, amid pines and improbably perched rocks that seem ready for a Wile E. Coyote's push.

Snowy sand

Strolling from bright marker to marker across white dunes, the wind obliterates your footprints like you are

Bucket list

Eat your way around Wales

Unspoiled, unhurried and underrated, Wales is one locavore taste sensation after another, one of the earliest champions of simpler food traditions. After you've toured Cardiff, jump in a rental and head to Llanerch Vineyard Cookery School, voted one of the top 10 in the U.K., where Welsh food legend Angela Gray presides over the kitchens. Then, going east to Reynoldston, stop at the Fairyhill Hotel & Restaurant, an eight-room haven that dates back to the 1720s, where the kitchen bends over backward to make the best use of regional food. And if you have time for a trip up north, a true food adventure can be found at Ynyshir Hall, a stately inn near Machynlleth in Powys. While on the road, watch for signs of all the little food fairs during the spring and summer, teeming with amazing cheese, chocolate, cider and meats. Bring stretchy pants.

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Quebec City. This classic frigid fest is the perfect reason to bundle up and head outside



ON THE MOVE
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For anyone looking to embrace our Canadian winter, there is no better place than Quebec City.

Quebec's Carnaval encourages everyone to bundle up and make the most of the outdoors. This past weekend I visited the city with six friends, in time for the world-famous winter festival's opening weekend. Despite -20 C temperatures, people came out to try their hand at dog sledding, snow biking and grab a photo with Bonhomme, the festival's omnipresent mascot. Most activities take place just outside the old city walls on the Plains of Abraham and



The Hotel de Glace is North America's only ice hotel. PETER REMUS

are geared toward families. That didn't stop our gang of winter adventurers from taking part in tube and toboggan races. When a diversion from romping in the snow is required, there are a number of pop-up ice bars and wooden shacks ready to serve up a coffee with Amarula or a glass of

Caribou, Quebec's version of hot mulled wine. The festival runs till Feb. 15 this year.

Away from the Carnaval sites, an afternoon stroll of the historic streets of Vieux Québec and La Place Royale, with its shops, restaurants and tiered, narrow streets are a must.

Reminiscent of a European village, this UNESCO-protected World Heritage area is even more charming when covered in powdery white snow and lit with twinkling lights than when canopied by summer's leafy greens.

Escaping the winter temperatures provides a guilt-

free reason to add frequent stops for meals and libations, whether it be an artisanal coffee or a local craft beer.

For dinner, my traveling companions successfully used Trip Advisor as our guide; Chez Boulay and recently opened Légende are both charming restaurants with contemporary menus that pride themselves on their modern Quebec fare. The unexpected gem for us was Bati Bassak, a delicious and reasonably priced Thai and Cambodian restaurant where you could bring your own wine.

There are a number of hotels that are well positioned to make exploring the city easy. However, spending a night at the Hôtel de Glace, located 15 minutes from the downtown core, is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

North America's only ice hotel is a 44-room hotel, complete with Chapel, Bar and Arctic Spa, made completely out of snow and ice. I am glad I paid attention to the sleeping instructions they sent; at a brisk -32 C, there was no room for error.

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For storing and sharing files

When you need to store or share particularly large files (think photos, videos, presentations and artwork), try Google Drive. Though you need a Google account to set up your own drive, you can upload and share files with anyone regardless of whether or not they have an account. You can set up folders to organize your documents and decide who you want to give access to. The app is especially helpful for working on group projects, since you can all work off of the same document simultaneously.



For emails

We all feel inundated by emails at one time or another. Mailbox is highly recommended by many for helping you to deal with emails easily. The app allows users to quickly swipe messages to move them into a different folder, and actually learns from your actions to automate your most common ones. Plus, you can hit the snooze button to temporarily dismiss emails that aren't very important in the moment. An email app like Mailbox can help you to quickly clean out your inbox, eliminating the anxiety that often accompanies a slow but steady rise in the number of new messages sitting in your inbox.



For scheduling

Cal, an app available on both iPhones and Android devices, is both fun and functional. It works as an agenda and event planner and will sync with an existing Any.DO task list. It will also remind you about friend's birthdays and looks nice to boot. Having a schedule with all of your events, meetings and deadlines in one place is extremely helpful for helping to you manage your time well. You'll start each day off with a fresh list of your scheduled activities, ensuring that you don't forget about an important appointment until the last minute.



For note taking

Evernote is one of the most popular apps out there for taking, organizing and sharing notes. Users like this free app because it allows you to jot down notes of any length, categorize them by topic, add photos and attachments and easily find notes you've already written. Plus, it syncs your work across all of your devices so you never have to worry about not having access to your files whenever you need them. If you're constantly jotting things down on scraps of paper and end up scrambling to find them, Evernote may be just what you need.



For work/life balance

All work and no play is never a good idea. A great app for ensuring that you're making time for important things outside of work is Balanced. This app allows you to pick which activities you want to prioritize and set reminders for how often you want to complete them (like exercising, seeing friends and working on hobbies). It's a useful tool for reminding you to be more mindful and motivating you to achieve your personal goals. Not only do apps like Balanced encourage you to take control of what's important to you, they also help you to become happier and more fulfilled.



A wardrobe perfectly suited to a workplace winner

Career. Nobody wants to arrive overdressed on their first day — or even worse, underdressed

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Starting at a new job always raises a lot of questions — one of the most questions being: "What on earth do I wear?" Most of the time, the hu-

man resources manager can let you know the dress code in advance, but it might be hard to know which outfits in your closet fall under the target category.

What is the difference between business casual and business formal? What is too casual

for work? Don't worry — we have the answers to your fashion woes below.

Casual

Step aside, Casual Fridays.

The casual dress code is getting more and more popular today. It's most prevalent in smaller companies, often with a younger demographic.

If your workplace has a casual dress code, the outfits already sitting in your closet will most likely suffice.

But while casual can mean comfort, there are still standards and restrictions for what you can and can't wear in this category. Pants or jeans without holes work well, as well as most shirts that cover the shoulders (no tank tops!). Be sure you have a few go-to pieces: relaxed button-up-shirts or blouses are great choices.

There is a lot of freedom with casual dress codes, but make sure you are aware of the rules that are still outlined and don't push it.

Business Casual

This dress code is probably the most confusing to understand. How exactly do you combine business and casual, and how do you make sure you're neither over- nor underdressed?

Business casual usually means that your employer



You don't necessarily have to be decked out in a suit in order to be considered a working professional. ISTOCK

wants a more laidback environment, but still wants everyone to look professional and put together.

For bottoms, khakis, corduroy, or dress pants are usually what fall under business casual. Button-up collared shirts can be worn without a tie, and golf shirts are usually allowed in the warmer months. For sweaters, make sure they fall under a cardigan category as opposed to casual.

The best part of business casual is there are probably a lot of clothes you currently own that you can dress up to be work appropriate.

A top that you may usually wear with jeans may look a lot dressier when worn with dress pants and a nice sweater.

Formal

Formal is the strictest dress code, and each workplace will enforce a different set of rules regarding it.

When it comes to a formal or professional dress code, think about what you would have worn for the interview. This is often the case for an office environment that deals heavily with clients: It's very important to maintain a professional image at all times.

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Growing up in an Italian family, I have always enjoyed scallopini.

With the great variety on the market, choosing lean turkey scallopini is an easy

Ingredients

- 1 lb (500 g) turkey breast scallopini
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground pepper
- 1 tsp (5 mL) salt, divided
- 8 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped fresh parsley
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) fresh grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried oregano leaves
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) hot pepper flakes
- 1 jar (660 mL) tomato passata
- 2 sprigs fresh parsley
- 1 sprig fresh basil
- 1 pkg (375 g) whole wheat or gluten free penne pasta



This recipe serves four to six. ONTARIO TURKEY

way to add a fancy factor to your meal routine.

I developed this recipe based on the version my Nonna made when I was growing up. It's easy to put together with big garlic and herb flavour.

Using lean turkey breast scallopini allows you to cook it quickly to enjoy right away or pack away for an awesome

lunch tomorrow!

A simple Italian filling of garlic, parsley and cheese fills the turkey scallopini to add flavour to the pasta sauce and makes a homey winter meal.

The pasta sauce aroma filling the kitchen will have your family running to the table.

Be sure to have a chunk of Parmesan to sprinkle over top of the pasta before serving.

Directions

1. Lay scallopini out on work surface. Sprinkle them with pepper and half of the salt.

2. Divide garlic, parsley and cheese between scallopini. Roll up each one and secure with a toothpick or kitchen string.

3. In a deep skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Brown

turkey rolls, remove to a plate.

4. Return skillet to medium heat and cook shallots, oregano and hot pepper flakes for 3 minutes or until softened. Add passata, parsley, basil and remaining salt; bring to a simmer. Add turkey rolls and any accumulated juices. Cover and simmer for about 15 minutes or until turkey is tender and no

longer pink inside.

5. Meanwhile, in pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta for about 8 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain well and return to pot.

6. Remove turkey rolls from sauce and pour sauce over pasta and toss to combine. Serve with rolls.

Double up the meat and skip bread

Here is an alternative to the typical sandwich — colourful veggie-protein rolls that are light, yet still substantial.

Modelled on a sushi roll, you simply swap out the rice for quinoa, and the fish for turkey.

By now, most folks have heard of quinoa, an ancient grain-like seed. It's not only a protein-rich food, it's also gluten-free and a terrific source of many nutrients, including fibre. But flavour-wise, quinoa isn't exactly a powerhouse. So adding lemon juice and olive oil makes it tastier.

This lunch roll is formed with a double layer of sliced turkey breast, which ensures that

it won't fall apart. Lean roast beef would perform the same task, if that's more your style.

Here it's filled with carrots and red peppers, but any vegetables cut into thin strips will do. Likewise, you can substitute the lettuce of your choice for the spinach.

1. In saucepan, bring broth to boil. Add quinoa, return to boil, cover and cook over medium heat until quinoa has absorbed broth, 12 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in lemon juice and olive oil, then fluff with fork. Cover and let cool to room temperature before assembling the rolls.

2. On cutting board lay out 4 turkey slices. Top each one with second turkey slice to make double layer. Spread 2 teaspoons mayo on top of each double layer, then spread quarter of spinach on top of mayonnaise. Mound quarter of quinoa on top of spinach, spreading within 1/2 inch of edges.

3. Arrange several red pepper and carrot slices crosswise down middle of roll. Starting with the short side of each turkey stack, roll up turkey tightly to enclose the filling. Cut each roll crosswise into 4 rounds and arrange the slices, cut sides up.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup quinoa
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 deli slices (about 8 oz) fresh or smoked turkey
- 3 tbsp plus 2 tsp light mayo
- 1 cup (1 1/2 ounce) baby spinach
- 1/2 red bell pepper, cored and cut into 1/8-inch-thick strips
- 1 small carrot, cut into 1/8-inch-thick strips



This recipe makes four roll-ups. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Wildcats rough up Herd early in rout

QMJHL. Mooseheads surrender seven first-period goals to first-place team



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The road was about as rough for the Halifax Mooseheads as it was for Maritime drivers on Tuesday night.

The Herd dropped an 8-3 decision to the Moncton Wildcats, with seven of those goals against coming in the first period.

"It was a bad night," head coach Dominique Ducharme said shortly after the final buzzer sounded on the ugly loss in front of 2,883 spectators at the Moncton Coliseum.

"It happens over a long season," Ducharme said of losing to the division-leading Wildcats, who with Tuesday's additional two points are now first overall in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

The Mooseheads, on the other hand, remain in 11th place overall, fourth in the Maritimes Division, with a 24-22-3-1 record.

Russian forward Ivan Barbashev had a hat trick for Moncton in the opening frame alone, with Taylor Burke, Alexandre Jacob, Kyle Tibbo and Noah Zilbert also scoring before the intermission.

Defenceman Cavan Fitzgerald scored Halifax's first goal of the night at 8:57 in the first, narrowing the gap to 3-1 on the scoreboard, before Zilbert scored unassisted



Forward Philippe Gadoury had a goal and two assists Tuesday night, but the Mooseheads still fell 8-3 to the Moncton Wildcats on the road. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Quoted

"We're going to be better."

Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme

less than a minute later.

The Mooseheads pulled starting netminder Kevin Resop after the first four goals against, replacing him briefly by Maritime Junior A Hockey League call-up Christopher Langlais, who was taken out

of the crease himself following three more first-period Moncton markers.

"I pulled him because we wanted to change momentum," Ducharme said. "I put him back because I wanted to change momentum again."

The pace did start changing in the second, with Tibbo scoring his second of the night and Moncton's final goal of the game at 7:34 in the period, while the Wildcats were shorthanded.

Maxime Fortier answered back for the Moose to make

In the sin bin

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The number of penalties handed out in the third period. There were 32 overall.

it 8-2 at 14:28 in the middle frame, while Philippe Gadoury scored on a late third-period power play for the 8-3 final score. Gadoury had three points on the night.

"If you look at the last two periods, we were up 2-1,"

Ducharme pointed out.

The final frame was also a feisty one. Three players on either team received one or more penalties after fights broke out midway through the third, with several other roughing and game misconduct infractions handed out as time ticked down.

"We're going to be ready to go on Thursday," Ducharme said, "that's all we can do."

The Halifax Mooseheads host the Sherbrooke Phoenix at the Scotiabank Centre. The puck drops at 7 p.m.

AUS basketball

Dalhousie splits pair of games against Acadia

Four points in the Atlantic University Sport basketball standings were on the line Tuesday evening for both the men's and women's Dalhousie Tigers.

But while the men beat the Acadia Axemen 85-77,

the women fell 75-72 to the Axewomen.

Forward Kashrell Lawrence led the way for the Dal men with 26 points and six rebounds, while guard Jarred Reid added 20 points and three rebounds.

On the women's side, guard Courtney Thompson put up 37 points and pulled down four rebounds for the Tigers, while forward Tessa Stammberger had 16 points and seven rebounds.

The women are still atop AUS standings, with the Saint Mary's Huskies on their heels. The Dal men are in third place with the Huskies in fifth place. **METRO**

Curling

Field set for world championships

The United States have clinched the final berth into

the world men's curling championships in Halifax this spring.

The U.S. claimed a three-game sweep over Brazil in the Americas Zone Challenge over the weekend, becoming the 12th country to qualify for the event coming to the Scotiabank Centre from March 18 through April 6.

The Canadian contingent for worlds will be determined at the Brier, taking place Feb. 28 through March

8 in Calgary.

Canada will kick off world competition against the U.S. on the Saturday night. The other qualified countries are China, the Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Russia, Scotland, Sweden and Switzerland.

All of Canada's games will be broadcast on TSN and RDS2, according to the Canadian Curling Association. **METRO**

Leafs add to landslide of losses

NHL. Toronto frazzled by Fisher's three-point night in Nashville

Mike Fisher had a goal and two assists, and the Nashville Predators handed the Toronto Maple Leafs a franchise record-tying 10th straight loss, 4-3 Tuesday night.

Seth Jones, Shea Weber, and Colin Wilson also scored for Nashville, winners of two straight.

Daniel Winnik, Nazem Kadri and Mike Santorelli scored for Toronto, which is 0-9-1 over its last 10.

Wilson got the go-ahead goal at 11:08 of the third.

James Neal's shot from the left side was stopped by Toronto goaltender Jonathan Bernier, but Fisher was in front to pry the rebound loose. Wilson pounced on the loose puck to put it away for his 16th of the season.

Nashville had a late power

On Tuesday	
4	3
Predators	Maple Leafs

play, but the Maple Leafs had the two best scoring chances. Winnik hit the post at 16:52 and, just seconds later, Nashville goaltender Carter Hutton was forced to make a diving swipe with his goal stick to swat away another chance from Morgan Rielly from in front.

Jones scored the game's first goal at 11:52 of the opening period.

With the Maple Leafs on a power play, Jones forced a turnover by Kadri in the neutral zone. Jones collected the puck and went the other way on a breakaway, where he beat Bernier high to the glove side.

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Predators defenceman Seth Jones scores a short-handed goal against Leafs goalie Jonathan Bernier in the first period on Tuesday night in Nashville, Tenn.

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Police: Lance let girlfriend take fall for hit-and-run



Aspen police cited Lance Armstrong with failing to report an accident and speeding. ROGERIO BARBOSA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong hit two parked cars after a night of partying in Aspen but agreed to let his longtime girlfriend take the blame to avoid national attention, police reports show.

Aspen police cited Armstrong with failing to report an accident and speeding weeks after the Dec. 28 accident, but only after his girlfriend, Anna Hansen, admitted to lying for him.

Armstrong declined immediate comment, and his attorney, Pamela Mackey, didn't immediately return a call.

Hansen initially told police

she had been driving home from an Aspen Art Museum party when she lost control of Armstrong's GMC Yukon on the icy roads, hitting the cars. She said she drove because "Lance had a little bit to drink," according to the reports.

A man who had been renting one of the damaged cars told a police detective that Hansen came running up to his house in high heels, apologizing and promising to pay for the repairs.

"She said, 'I'm Anna, we're the Armstrongs, my husband's Lance, he was just driving maybe too fast around the cor-

Punishment

Failure to report an accident is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a fine of between \$150 and \$300. Driving too fast for conditions is punishable by a fine between \$15 and \$100.

- Hansen is not charged with a crime.

strong left the scene before police arrived.

Detectives later interviewed Hansen, who eventually told them Armstrong was driving, but they had both decided to let her take the blame.

"We've had our family name smeared over every paper in the world in the last couple of years and honestly, I've got teenagers. I just wanted to protect my family," Hansen told police. "I thought, gosh, Anna Hansen hit some cars, it's not going to show up in the papers, but Lance Armstrong hit some cars, it's going to be a national story." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Juror dismissed in Hernandez trial

The judge overseeing the murder trial of former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez removed a juror Tuesday, saying there was evidence she had spoken about the case in previous years and had an early interest in being seated on the panel. Bristol County Superior Court Judge Susan Garsh dismissed the juror after questioning her individually and hearing evidence on the matter.

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Mixed martial arts

'Spider' tests positive for 'roids

Former UFC middleweight champion Anderson Silva has tested positive for steroid use, the promotion announced Tuesday night.

Silva tested positive for Drostanolone metabolites in a test Jan. 9, according to the Nevada Athletic Commission. The UFC says the commission is doing further testing. The announcement casts a shadow over Silva's comeback from a broken leg at UFC 183 Saturday.

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NHL

Dubnyk shuts out 'Hawks in Minny

Devan Dubnyk stopped 24 shots in his third shutout since joining Minnesota in mid-January, leading the Wild to their fourth straight win, 3-0 over the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday night.

Mikko Koivu, Jason Zucker and Mikael Granlund each scored for the Wild. Since being acquired by Minnesota in a trade with Arizona, Dubnyk is 6-1 with a 1.57 goals-against average. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FA Cup

Man United top Cambridge

Manchester United overcame fourth-tier Cambridge in an FA Cup replay on Tuesday, winning 3-0 less than two weeks after a 0-0 draw.

Juan Mata, Marcos Rojo and James Wilson scored to send United to a fifth-round match at Preston.

"I think that is our greatest chance to win a title," United manager Louis van Gaal said of his team, which is third in the Premier League. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Tom Elliott of Cambridge United, left, and Chris Smalling of Manchester United compete for a header on Tuesday in Manchester, England. ALEX LIVESEY/ETTY IMAGES



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- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual, six-speed automatic
- **Price.** \$17,690 base, \$30,490 as tested

Market position

The Mazda3 is a perennial top-five seller in Canada, and Mazda's top model. It is available in three trims (GX, GS, GT), and as sedan or hatchback. It is positioned as a better-looking compact-car alternative that is also more fun to drive.

- Includes Mazda's Sky-Active technologies for better fuel efficiency.

Points

- New-generation Mazda3 was introduced for 2014.
- Voted Best New Compact Car Under \$21,000 by the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada.
- A manual transmission can now be paired with the larger 2.5-litre engine.
- Attractive styling formed from Mazda's Kodo 'soul of motion' design language.



The swoopy design does infringe on the cargo area and rear seats.

Notable features

- The optional Technology package on the automatic GT includes i-ELOOP regenerative braking, Smart City brake support, auto-lavelling headlights, and warning systems for lane departure, rear cross traffic and blind spots.
- The GT is also available with 18-inch alloy wheels, voice-activated navigation, and a heads-up display.

Fun, practical and gorgeous, too



PHOTOS: MIKE GOETZ

Review. Curvaceous new Mazda3 hatchback is almost as much fun to drive as it is to stand back and admire

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Debuting in 2014, the striking new Mazda3 is a revelation: The hatchback version, known as the Mazda3 Sport, is just as beautiful as the sedan.

The compact hatchback has long delivered a lot of versatility, space and value for its size. Now, Mazda has demonstrated it can be beautiful, too.

The new Sport also offers a great handling package; a modern interior with a full suite of gizmos; and decent get-up-and-go and fuel efficiency.

For 2015, Mazda fixed the one item that irked faithful fans about the new model, or at least those who prefer sportiness and driver involvement. It finally made the six-speed manual transmission available with the larger and more gruntful 184-hp 2.4-litre engine. Last year, manual was only available for the 2.0-litre base engine.

A six-speed manual GT (\$26,995) was our test model for the week. Add in the special Soul Red Mica paint job (\$300), the Luxury package (\$1,500) and \$1,695 for freight and delivery, and the total price was \$30,490.

Now you might be saying, "I could buy a midsize sedan for that much money," and you'd be right. But maybe a premium hatchback is exactly what you're looking for.

Although you can find hatchbacks with bigger power numbers, the quality of power delivery in the GT will keep you satisfied. The



The front seats are well sculpted for comfort, but may be a bit low for some drivers.

excellent throttle response is such that your right foot is always happy and in control, no matter what the conditions. And the six-speed manual and clutch are both smooth and lovely to manipulate.

The overall ride is on the firm side, and contributes to a bit of road noise coming into the cabin. But if you can live with that, the Mazda3

really rewards the driver — few mass-market compacts are this much fun to drive.

The console-mounted HMI Commander master control knob is Mazda's new way of helping you navigate everything on the display screen. Although it is intuitive, I don't think it's the ultimate solution.

But all automakers are struggling to keep their inter-

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faces easy to use while adding all the new stuff we need to interface with.

And, unfortunately, Mazda's best high-tech features — including i-ELOOP and the safety monitoring systems — are reserved for the automatic-transmission GT model and its exclusive Technology package (four grand more than our test car).

The front seats are well sculpted for comfort, but may sit a bit low for some drivers. The back seats are comfy, too, although the rear passengers and cargo area do feel the pinch of the swoopy new exterior design.

But the Mazda3 Sport GT manages to check almost every other box for adventurous drivers, and looks very good doing it.

5 DRIVE

Extolling the virtues of the X Factor

From Acura's much-anticipated NSX and Tesla's much-delayed Model X to Lincoln's booming MKX crossover and Jaguar's lustworthy XE sedan, the lowly letter X has suddenly become a major player in the world of automotive nomenclature

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Trends. Manufacturers discover the provocative attraction of the letter X

At the tail end of the alphabet, a mere breath away from the finish line, lurks the most alluring automotive letter of the moment.

X is evocative of immodest luxury, technological excess, exquisite upgrades, and a host of other neighbourly envystoking qualities.

BMW may have got the ball rolling with its X5 SUV in 1999 and its revolutionary xDrive system in 2003. Or maybe it was Nissan's Xterra SUV in 2000.

But for reasons defying explanation, the number of models with an X somewhere in their name has exploded over the past few years. Hey, Y not?

Extraordinary: Subaru X Mode

Body panels made of an indestructible alloy, like the one fused to Wolverine's skeleton that

sprout from the X-Man's knuckles when he means business, are a long way off. Ditto for cars able to bend weather to meet our whims, a la Wolverine's teammate Storm.

But vehicles are pack-

ing more superpower features lately.

Subaru Forester and Outback drivers can press the special X Mode button above the shifter to amp up AWD engagement and increase traction when confronted with gnarly conditions, such as a steep, unpaved snow-covered road.

And an early X adopter, BMW, dubbed its four-wheel-drive system xDrive 12 years ago.



A small button above the shifter in the Subaru Forester and Outback ramps up the all-wheel-drive system to improve traction. CONTRIBUTED



Exalted: Lincoln MKX

Luxury crossovers have long been infatuated with the letter X, often slipping one into a model's name for added cachet.

Consider the prescription to mid-sized SUV mundanity that is the Lexus RX, or the Cadillac Escalade's little brother, the SRX.

So you just know by the letter's presence that the Oakville-assembled Lincoln MKX has got it going on.

The 2016 model's 19-speaker Revel Ultima system with Quantum-Logic surround sound co-coons drivers in a rolling concert hall.



Lincoln's MKX luxury crossover features a 19-speaker surround-sound stereo system and a 360-degree view from outside the vehicle.

Another top-shelf feature is the 360-degree camera with a cross-traffic-peaking 180-degree split

view — taking all the ding worry out of manoeuvring a tight space in the grocery store parking lot.

Experimental: Acura NSX

In 1948, the sound-barrier-busting Bell X-1 was a sheer revelation.

The 2016 Acura NSX (an acronym for New Sports Experimental) has similar "leave 'em breathless" aspirations.

When Tony Stark climbed behind the wheel of the concept version of this Acura beauty in a brief scene at the end of the first Avengers



movie, any memory of the Audi R8 featured in the Iron Man movies faded away.

If this twin-turbo V6 gas-electric hybrid supercar (generating more than 550 hp) is good enough for Iron Man to drive, then it's certainly good enough to sit and look pretty in your driveway.

Extreme: Tesla X

SpaceX, Elon Musk's foray into the final frontier, is already the first private company to launch a spacecraft and have it return from orbit.

The company is now working on a reusable rocket, where after separating

from a spacecraft, the rocket's first stage will land on a floating drone platform.

X also marks the spot for Tesla, Musk's more grounded company. The oft-delayed Model X, featuring top-hinged folding falcon wing doors for easy step-in access, is set to begin deliveries at the end of the year.



Exhilarating: Jaguar XE

Ravenous automotive writers licked their chops when the come-hither headlights, expressive lines, and sleek contours of the athletic aluminum-bodied Jaguar XE were exposed at the Detroit auto show.

Jaguar's first compact sedan since the soft-selling X-Type is squarely aimed at the same car buyers lustfully eyeing



the BMW 3-series and the Audi A4.

It rocks a 3-litre supercharged V6 that generates 340 hp and can go 0-96 km/h in 4.9 seconds.

For sexier fuel economy, there will be an optional diesel version expected to deliver upwards of 5.9 L/100 km.

Innovative seat design has lofty objectives

Driving Force. Modular concept could make rear seats more customizable and much lighter than current designs

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Vehicle technology is constantly being improved, and it's far more than just the engines and safety features.

Even seats come under scrutiny, and a new design under development could dramatically change the way car interiors are built. Called a loft seat, its modular construction is unlike anything being produced right now.

"We have seen modular concept designs in the past, and its day has arrived," says Peter Cansfield, principal industrial designer for automotive supplier Johnson Controls, which developed the loft seat. "This gives us the flexibility to meet what the customer wants."

Most seats consist of a metal frame, cushions and a head restraint. These individual units are then bolted to brackets on the vehicle's floor.

In contrast, the loft seat starts with a steel crossbeam that goes from one side of the

car to the other. The modular seat components are then attached to it, allowing automakers the potential for a variety of seat configurations.

The company has initially designed the loft concept for a luxury sedan, using premium upholstery and a thin cushioning material called Super Resilient Foam, which creates more interior space while still remaining comfortable.

The seatbacks and cushions fold to reveal hidden storage spaces for cargo.

The concept seat also includes a multi-level centre console with a high armrest for comfort, along with wireless device charging, and cupholders that telescope out of the console to hold taller mugs when needed, but can be pushed back down and out of the way when they're not required.

All cars contain steel beams, called crossmembers, that run under the floor to keep the chassis rigid, and to absorb and deflect crash energy in a collision.

The loft seat's support beam works the same way, allowing the automaker to eliminate one of the lower crossmembers. This, plus the modular seat's lighter weight when compared to a traditional seat, can potentially reduce the vehicle's overall weight, which in turn improves fuel



Instead of being bolted to the floor, the loft seats attach to a cross-beam, allowing a variety of configurations. CONTRIBUTED

economy.

In future, Cansfield says, the seat's support beam could be made out of strong, but even lighter materials, such as

aluminum or carbon fibre.

The loft seat could potentially be incorporated into cars within the next five to 10 years but, because it is a

structural component, it can't be retrofitted to an existing vehicle.

"It could be any time within the next generation of

vehicles," Cansfield says. "You need to be in at the start of the vehicle architecture, and they would have to design the car around this."

Sitting pretty

- Although the loft seat concept was designed for large sedans, it has the potential to be adapted to almost any type of vehicle.
- As with all vehicle seats, the loft seat would have to incorporate seatbelts and meet crash-test standards.
- The company has also developed FreshPer4mance, a coating technology that keeps liquids and dirt from soaking into upholstery fabric.

Drivers Ed. Simulator distracts teens for safety

A new virtual-reality headset from Oculus Rift is being used by Toyota to teach young drivers the dangers of distracted driving.

Teens wear the headset behind the wheel of a parked car and find themselves on a three-dimensional, virtual street full of mayhem.

Using the car's steering wheel and pedals, it's up to the user to navigate safely while avoiding distractions or face the consequences.

Far from a video game, the simulator confronts users with real-life distractions, such as text messages, the radio and passengers.

It's not like going to the movies, either. The 3D video and audio make it as immersive and realistic as possible.

The simulator is free for teens to use at Toyota's Teen-Drive365 displays at auto shows across the U.S. There are no plans yet to bring it to Canada. **AFF**



A virtual-reality headset teaches teens the dangers of distracted driving. **AFF**

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Some things can be explained purely by logic but what you have to deal with today will require you to use your intuition. The first explanation that pops into your head is likely to be the right one.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You will take risks purely for the fun of it today. The good news is you will win nine times out of ten, and when you do lose it will only be a minor setback.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You have done plenty of thinking and planning, now you must act. Don't be half-hearted about what needs to be done.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Try things you would not normally attempt today. The results could be spectacular or spectacularly disappointing but that is a risk worth taking.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The pressure will be on today but that's OK because no one handles it better than you. When the going gets tough the tough get going and one way or another you will go far over the next few days.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You seem to be in two minds about what you should do. That is nothing unusual but today is different because you have to make a quick decision.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you start something new today you must expect it to take up a lot more time and energy than you expected. It means you'll have less time and energy to waste on trivial things.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may not want to do what a friend wants you to do today but if you are smart you will go along with their plans. A few days from now the roles will be reversed and you will be the one in need of support.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Life is too short to worry about what other people think of you, so follow your desires come what may. You have played by the book far too often of late.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Do not allow yourself to get dragged into a dispute between friends or colleagues. Even if you get involved out of good intentions you are likely to make an enemy.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are in a determined mood and anyone who thinks they are tough enough to take you on is making a big mistake.

Pisces

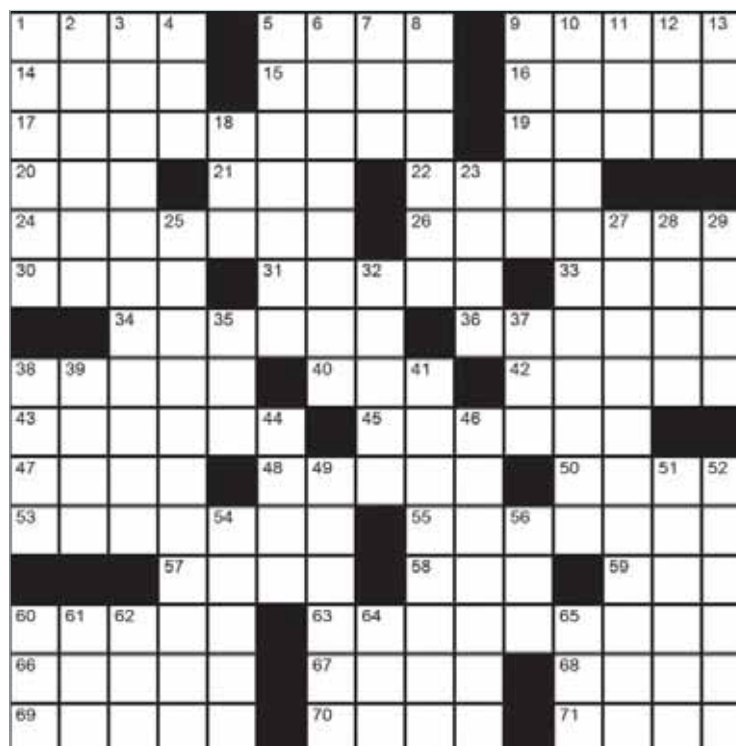
Feb. 20 - March 20

The only thing you're interested in now is the truth and you will do whatever it takes to get it. Maybe that is why certain people look so worried.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Puppy's fun move
5. Theatre award
9. Artificial sweetener brand
14. Miss
15. The ___ Shoe Museum, in Toronto
16. Director Sidney
17. Real life Montreal lunch counter in The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz
19. Main meanings
20. ___ Young Band
21. Shoe width size
22. Manitoba: West-of-Winnipeg town
24. Stretches
26. Alberta town; or, British car
30. King ___ (Shakespeare tragedy)
31. Uncle ___ (Anton Chekhov play)
33. Non-meat-eater's org.
34. In a fine way
36. Atomic Number 16
38. Type of headscarf
40. 'Ether' suffix
42. ___-A (Skincare product)
43. Complainer
45. Canadian food retailer
47. Atkins = Low-___ diet
48. "___ it my all."
50. Commands to attack dogs
53. Posh cues game
55. Devoured: 2 wds.



57. "Are ___ longer a couple?" (What's our status?)
58. Traveller's wee way
59. Mop & ___ (Floor cleaner)
60. Sci-Fi weapon, ___ ray gun
63. Religious region

- in the South in the USA: 2 wds.
66. Cross with: 2 wds.
67. "...friend or ___?"
68. Rocker Mr. Michaels
69. Wheat ___ (Nabisco crackers)
70. Nobleman's negatives

71. "Woodstock" gr.
- Down**
1. Flourish: 2 wds.
 2. One of The Dionne Quintuplets
 3. The Snows of ___ (Ernest Hemingway story)
 4. Summer: French

5. Closely watch
6. Pies and cookies event: 2 wds.
7. 'Human' suffix
8. Slip past: 2 wds.
9. Port __, Ontario
10. Library request: 2 wds.
11. Speech-maker's stumbles

12. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
13. Some officers, briefly
18. Social pages word
23. Ms. Thompson's
25. Mayor of Winnipeg: 2 wds.
27. Some hockey forwards: 2 wds.
28. Lovely kit
29. Knitting supply
32. Antelope variety
35. UK honour [acronym]
37. Website
38. RCN ship designation
39. Mr. Gruffudd
41. "Turn Me Loose" Canadian band
44. Nothing: French
46. Fab Four
49. Josh of song
51. Canadian actor Sean
52. Uneven
54. Odes-creator John
56. Putter's peg
60. Intl. clock standard
61. Ooh and ___
62. Gladiator's 1501
64. "... ___ wood-chuck could..."
65. Cable channel, ___ Canada

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Yesterday's Sudoku



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